

**REMARKS**

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

By this Amendment, claims 12, 15, 22 and 23 remain pending. Claims 10-11, 13-14, 16-21 and 24-27 are canceled. Claims 1-9 were previously canceled.

Claims 10-11, 13-14 and 24-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which application regards as the invention. Claims 10-11, 13-14, 16 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Litman 5,988,500 and 6,053,406 as applied in the previous Office Actions, in view of Herzer 5,728,237. Claims 17-19 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Litman, in view of Dames et al., 5,614,824, applied in the previous Office Actions, further in view of Herzer.

While not conceding the appropriateness of the Examiner's rejection, but merely to advance prosecution of the instant application, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 10-11, 13-14, 16-21 and 24-27 have been canceled, thus rendering the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 moot. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections are respectfully requested.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the early indication of allowable subject matter in claims 12, 15 and 22-23.

In view of the above, consideration and allowance are, therefore, respectfully solicited.

In the event the Examiner believes an interview might serve to advance the prosecution of this application in any way, the undersigned attorney is available at the telephone number noted below.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees, or credit any overpayment, associated with this communication, including any extension fees, to CBLH Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 21900-00021-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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